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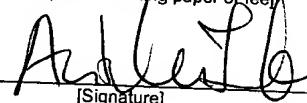
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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

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For: MICRO SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- Specification with 25 pages, 20 claims and 6 sheets of drawing.
- Declaration with Power of attorney.
- Assignment.
- Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
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- Self-addressed postcard.
- A priority document.
- Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-Form 1449 and copy of reference[s].

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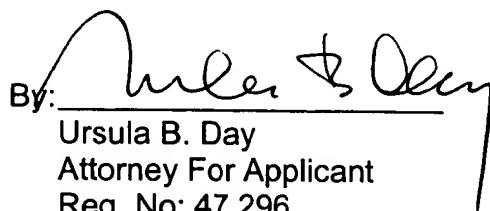
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of August 23, 2001, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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